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ANNIVERSARY OF LESOTHO'S INDEPENDENCE. WE HAVE AD-

MIRED YOUR VALIANT AND COMMENDABLE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AND THOSE OF YOUR PEOPLE DURING THE FIRST DECADE OF INDEPENDENCE AND ARE PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN SUPPORTING THOSE EFFORTS TO BUILD A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL IN YOUR COUNTRY. AS LESOTHO ENTERS ITS SECOND DECADE OF INDEPENDENCE, MAY THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES CONTINUE TO BE STRENGTHENED. AS YOUR MAJESTY IS WELL AWARE, DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS PROBLEMS BESET ALL OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORT-

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